

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Sherman Hoyt Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Polk County Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1 Nov 1827 Lancaster County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sara Elvina Moulton 25 Dec 1855 Mansfield, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

- A. Business He was admitted to the bar in 1849, he was an organizer of the State Bank of Iowa of Wood Sherman and Company; an organizer of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa
- B. Civic responsibilities Loyal Legion; Assessed Charities of Des Moines

C. Profession Merchant; banker; postmaster; lawyer; real estate broker; printer; insurance agent

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 11<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1866

6. Public Offices

- A. Local First postmaster of Des Moines, Iowa until 1853; mayor of Des Moines; clerk of the district court; first town councilman in Des Moines
- B. State He founded the Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers Association

C. National

7. Death 25 Jan 1904 Des Moines Iowa; Buried Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa

8. Children Arthur; Charles M.; Frank Allen; Adeline M (Mrs. Frank B. Hiborg); Helen (Mrs. William O. Griffith) Kathie (died 19 May 1868); Alice (died 4 Jan 1867)

9. Names of parents Charles Robert and Mary (Hoyt) Sherman

10. Education He was educated in schools of Lancaster County, Ohio.

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information \_\_\_\_\_

- He came to Des Moines in 1848, practiced law and engaged in real estate.
- 1854 he was the leading, active member of the banking firm of Hoyt, Sherman and Company.
- Military service - Civil War - Appointed paymaster with the rank of Major.
- Organized the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa and in 1868 he took over as manager.
- Supported many charitable institutions for years.
- Wife, Sara, died 2 Mar 1887.
- Before age 18, he attended school and learned the printer's trade in Mansfield, Ohio.
- In 1871 he helped form the Des Moines Water Works Company.
- The area around his home at 15<sup>th</sup> and Woodland later became known as "Sherman Hill."

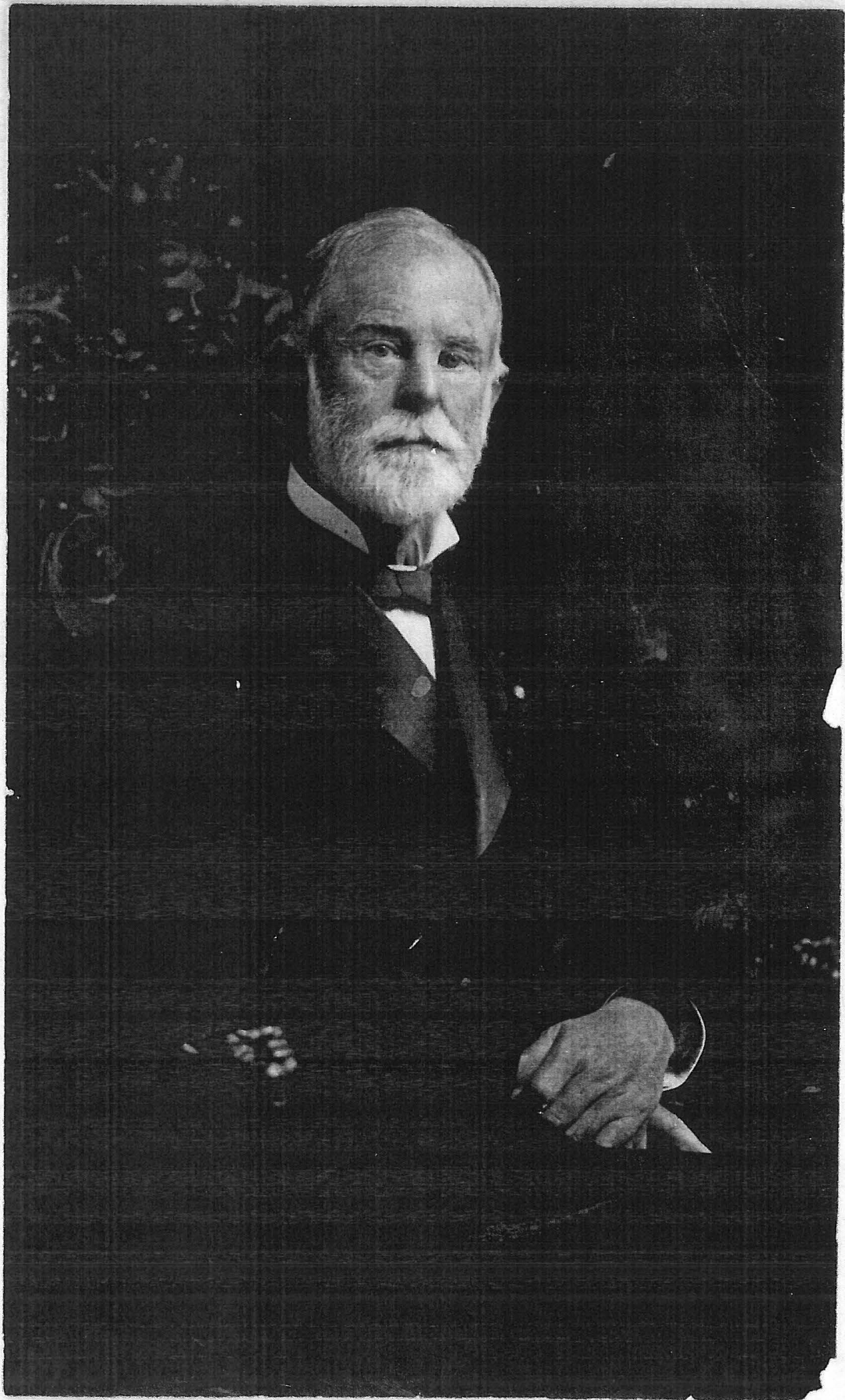
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Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			Obituary - <u>The Des Moines Register and Leader, Des Moines, Iowa, Tues. Jan. 26, 1904, p. 10, col. 3, 4</u>
-			Portraits <u>The original is located in the archives of the State of Iowa Historical Library, 600 E. Grand, Des Moines Iowa</u>
-			<u>History of Polk County, Iowa, 1880, p. 865</u>
-			<u>History of Iowa Vol IV, 1903, p.</u>
-			<u>Recollections and Sketches of Notable Lawyers and Public Men of Calhoun by Mills, 1916, p.</u>
-			<u>Buried in Thailand 1995-1998</u>
-			<u>GAR Records</u>
-			<u>findagrave.com</u>
-			<u>ancestry.com (accessed 16 June 2010)</u>
-			<u>familysearch.org (accessed 16 June 2010)</u>
-			<u>Iowa Grave Records - WPA - Polk County Iowa</u>
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### MEMBER FAMOUS FAMILY

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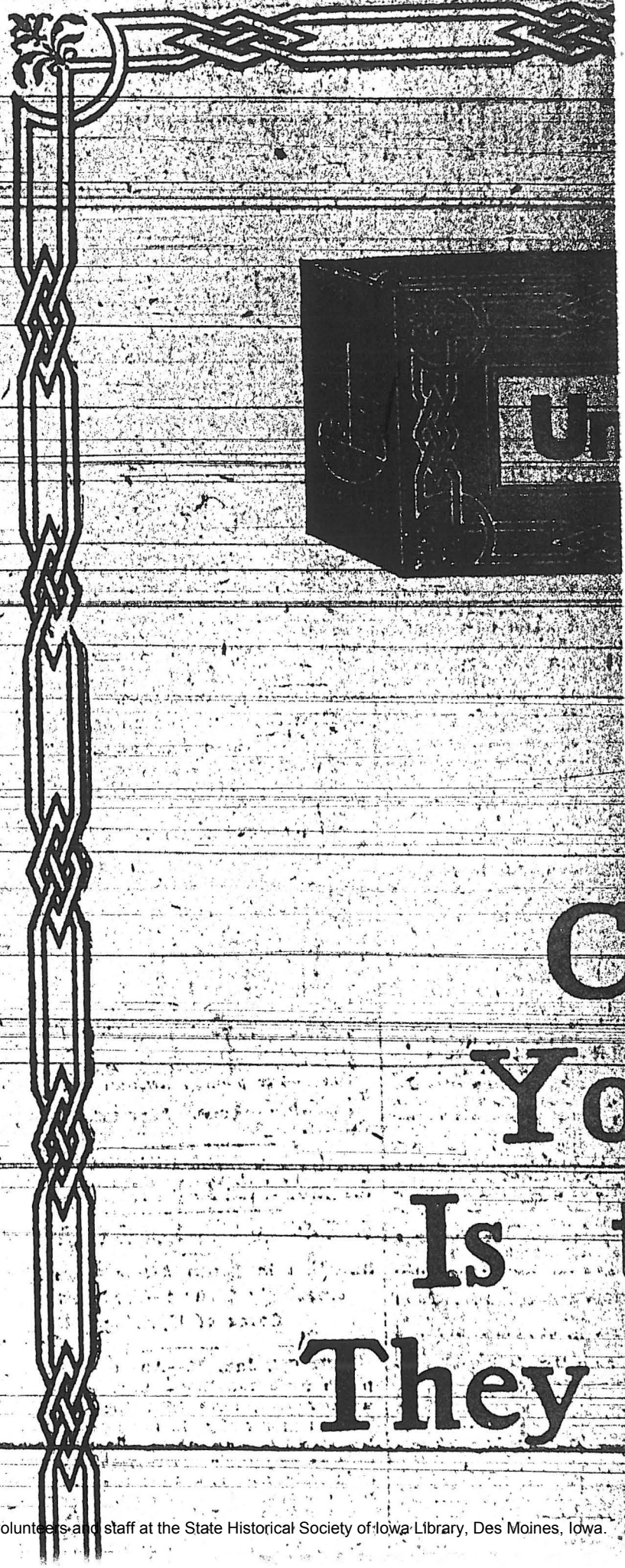
Major Hoyt Sherman, of Fifteenth and Woodland avenue, died yesterday at 12:30 p. m., after a long illness. His recovery had been expected, after a severe attack of pneumonia several weeks ago, and from which he rallied rapidly. His age and the continued inclemency of the weather were deterrent influences in his convalescence which he was unable to overcome.

Only his son, Arthur, was in the city at the time of Major Sherman's death. The other children were wired at once, and Mr. Charles Sherman, who is practicing law in Chicago, will arrive this morning, the others coming later. Until they arrive no arrangements will be made relative to the funeral.

For almost sixty years Major Hoyt Sherman was one of the most prominent business men of this city. As postmaster, as head of a large banking firm, as organizer of the first street car company in Des Moines, as representative of the public in many trusted official positions, as organizer of the first and best insurance companies, as head of the Des Moines branch of the solid state bank in every capacity he was one of the leading men of the community. His accumulation of property was very successful and his prominence in financial and business circles placed him among the coteries of men who not only saw Des Moines grow from the sub-foundation, but who helped, also, to build the foundation and the superstructure.

Major Sherman was born November 1, 1827, at Lancaster, O., and was the youngest son of Charles R. Sherman, whose family attained distinction beyond that accorded to most families, in that all of his sons made very conspicuous successes. That of Maj. Sherman has been alluded to. Senator John Sherman and General W. T. Sherman left imperishable names. Mr. Lampson Sherman of this city was its first newspaper man, save and except Barlow Granger. James Sherman, who also settled in Des Moines, was not unknown, and Charles T. Sherman of Ohio attained high position in the judiciary of that state.

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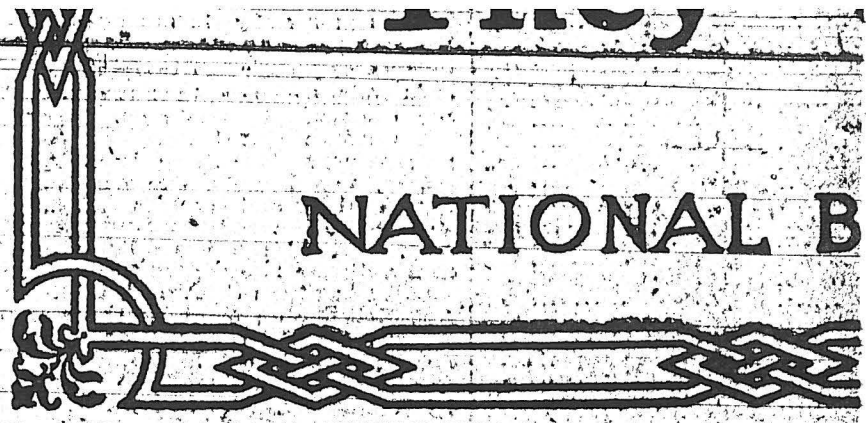
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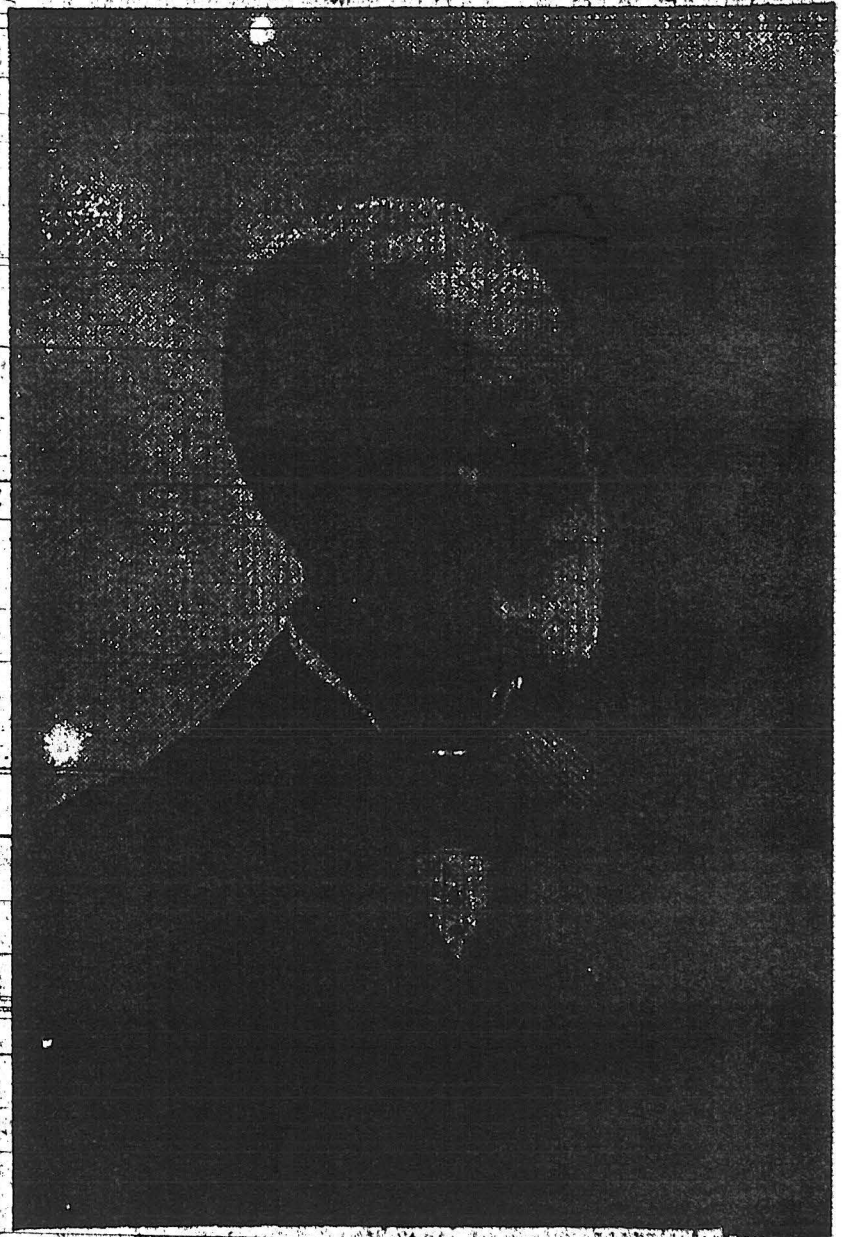
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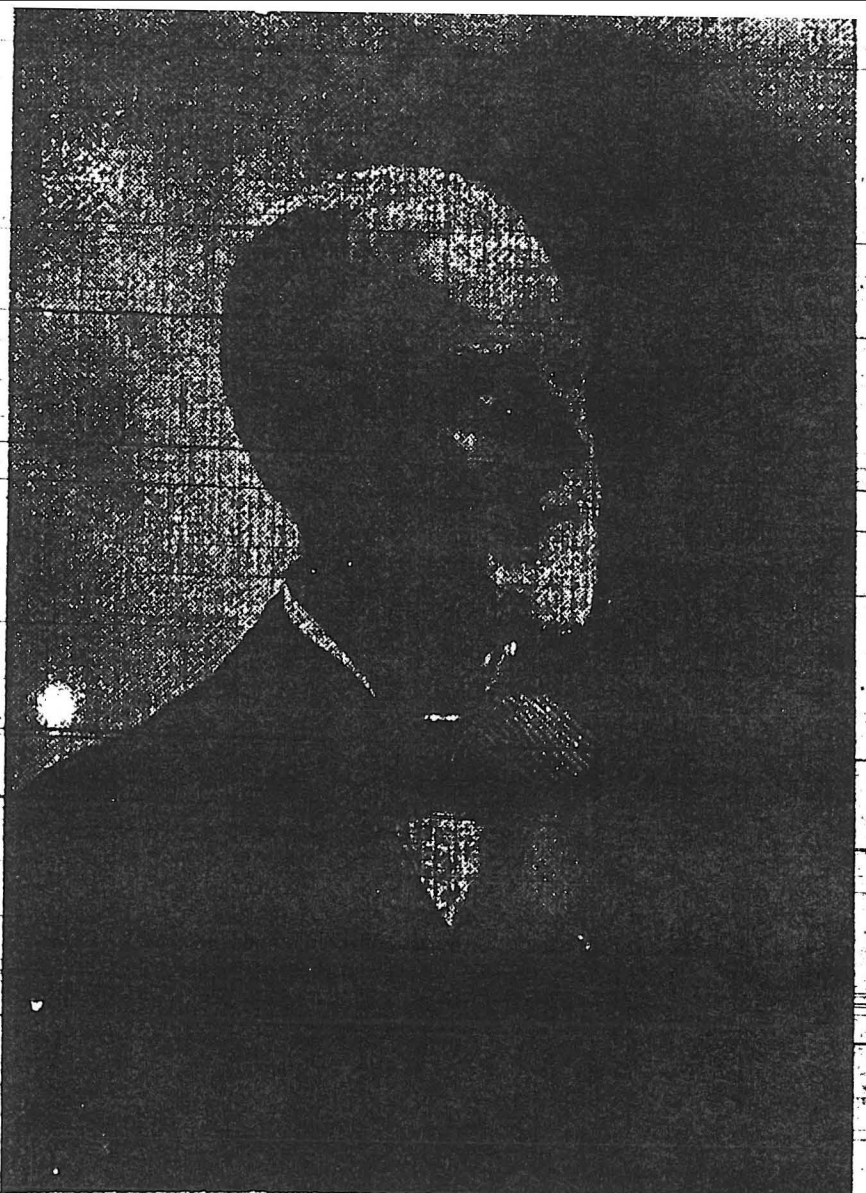
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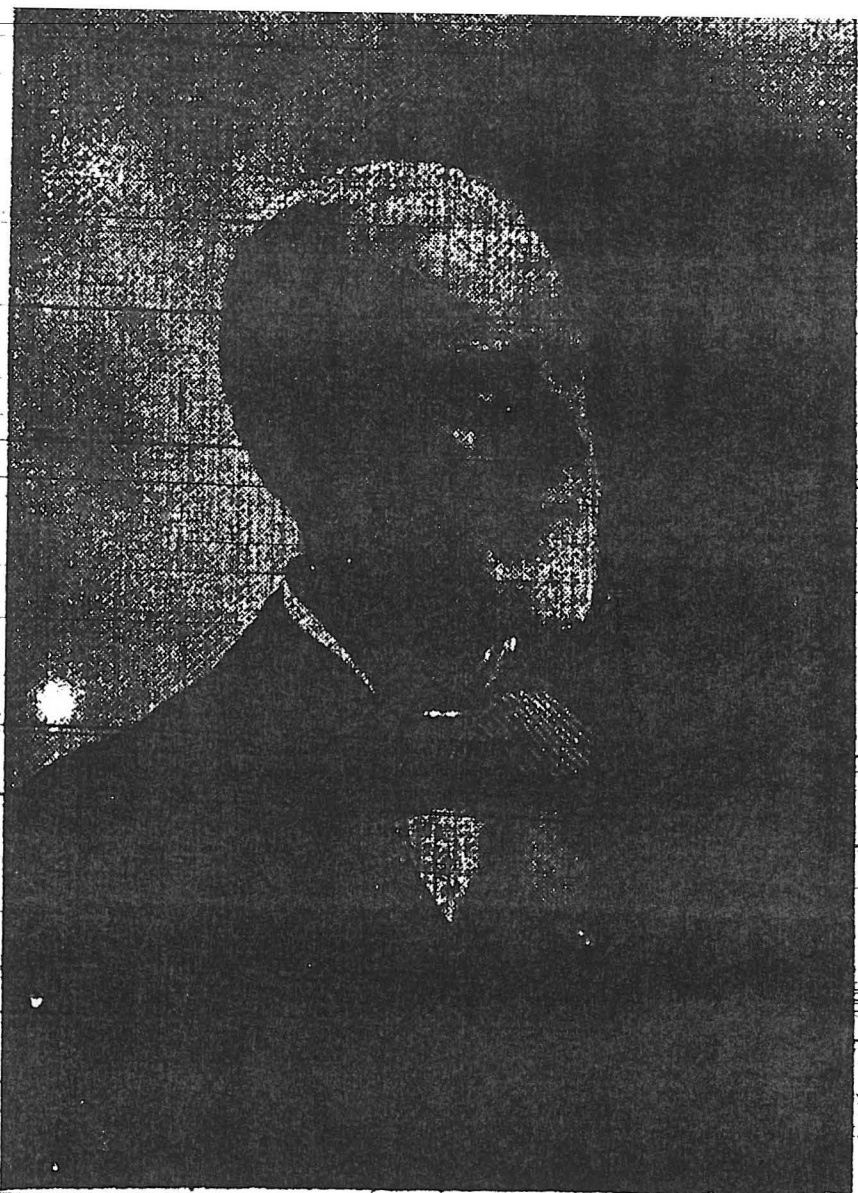


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married, August 18, 1859, to Miss Sophia McConnell, a native of Ohio. They have three children: J. R. and Thomas H., living, and one deceased, Lincoln.

SHANKLAND, J. M.—Of the firm of Shankland & Lockwood, grocers, was born in Noble county, Ohio, November 13, 1830, and there was raised on a farm and educated in the common schools. In 1864 he engaged in the mercantile business in Summerfield, Ohio, where he remained until 1870. He then came to this city and was employed to work by City Engineer Pelton, following the same about two years. He then went to clerking in the grocery house of B. W. Morrison, with whom he remained until October 1, 1878, when, in company with B. C. Lockwood, bought out Mr. Morrison, and since that time have continued the business at the old stand. He was married, November 20, 1860, to Miss E. G. Hare, a native of Ohio. They have six children: Carrie, John, Wilbur, Frank, Nellie and an infant.

SHERMAN, HOYT—Among the early pioneer settlers who have watched the growth of this populous city, from a little hamlet of a few houses to its present population, and have seen it take its place as the metropolis of Iowa, is the name which heads this sketch. He is the son of Hon. Charles R. Sherman, Judge of the Supreme Court of Iowa, from 1825 until his death, which occurred in 1829, and brother of Hon. John Sherman, Secretary of the Treasury, Gen. W. T. Sherman of the U. S. army, and of the late Hon. Chas. B. Sherman, Judge of the U. S. Court, for the Northern district of Ohio, and was born in Lancaster, Ohio, November 1, 1827, and until eighteen years of age divided his time between attending school and learning the trade of printer with his brothers Charles and John in Mansfield, Ohio. He then followed a cherished plan to emigrate West, and early in the spring of 1848 he came to Iowa and settled in Des Moines, and in 1849 was admitted to the bar. His first business engagement was with Thomas McMullen, School Fund Commissioner. He became connected with Casady & Tidrick and served as deputy postmaster until 1849, when he was appointed postmaster by President Pierce, and held the office until 1853 when he resigned and recommended his successor, who was appointed. In 1849 he was elected clerk of the District Court. Mr. Sherman was one of the organizers of the State Bank of Iowa, and was cashier of the same until 1861 when he was appointed a paymaster in the U. S. army with the rank of major. After his return from the army he engaged for a short time in mercantile pursuits. He was one of the incorporators of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, and in 1868 took the general management of the same and still holds this position. As a citizen he has always shown a worthy public spiritedness, and has heartily sympathized with all local improvements and enterprise. His career has been both honorable and successful, and as a man is appreciated most by those who know him best. He was married to Miss Sarah Moulton in 1855. She is a native of Ohio. Their family consists of five children: Frank A. (an attorney in his father's office), Addie M., Charles M., Arthur and Nellie T.

SHERMAN, BUREN R.—Auditor of State, was born in Phelps, Ontario county, New York, on the twenty-eighth of May, 1836, and there received his early education in the public schools, concluding his studies at Elmira, New York. He never had a collegiate course but being a close observer has gained a practical knowledge of men and things that admirable fits him for active business life. At the close of his studies he apprenticed himself to learn the watchmaker's trade, and in 1855 he removed to

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# Recollections and Sketches of Notable Lawyers and Public Men of Early Iowa

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Belonging to the First and Second  
Generations, with Anecdotes and  
Incidents Illustrative of the Times

*By*

EDWARD H. STILES

For many years a member of the Iowa Bar; member of its House of Representatives, 1863-1864; member of its Senate, 1865-1866; Reporter of its Supreme Court, 1867-1875; author of Complete Digest of its Decisions from the earliest Territorial period to the 56th Iowa Reports.

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"In old age alone we are masters of a treasure of which we cannot be deprived, the only treasure we can call our own. The pleasures of memory and the retrospect of the varied images which in an active life have floated before the mind, compensate, and more than compensate, for the alternate pleasures and cares of active life."—SIR ARCHIBALD ALLISON.

"Personal anecdotes, when characteristic, greatly enliven the pages of a biography."—SAMUEL SMILES.

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In April of 1898, and in June of 1899, I corresponded with his widow, Maria Freeman Gray, with a view to obtaining data in reference to the nativity and early life of Judge Gray. She responded, by saying, that she would be very glad to furnish me with a short biographical sketch, which she had prepared, but that she had sent it to Des Moines for publication. I think this publication was never made; at least, after diligent search, I have been unable to find it. Mrs. Gray was a woman of rare accomplishments, and the author of a number of magazine articles. The letters referred to were written by Mrs. Gray, from San Francisco, where she had become a resident, and where she was then President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

*Hoyt Sherman, Lampson P. Sherman, Barlow Granger, Madison Young.*

I became acquainted with *Hoyt Sherman* about fifty years ago. The last time I saw him was at a reception given at his house to the members of the Pioneer Law Makers' Association, in attendance at their meeting of 1898, before which I had delivered an address on invitation of its President, coming from Kansas City for that purpose. His house was most hospitably opened to the members of the Association, and many of the Legislature which was then in session. It was a notable occasion. I then thought he had yet many years before him, but in this his family and friends were disappointed, for he died at Des Moines in 1904. He was one of the early lawyers of Des Moines where he came from Ohio in 1848, and in 1849 was admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice there. For a time he was associated with Judge P. M. Casady and R. L. Tidrick in practice. He was a man of high character, indomitable and gifted, and had he persevered in the profession, would beyond question, in my judgment, have attained superiority. He could not, however, resist his impulse for business enterprises, in some of which during his life he became prominent. He belonged to a remarkable family. His father, Charles B. Sherman, was a Judge of the United States Court for the Northern District of Ohio. His brother, John Sherman, was the distinguished United States Senator from Ohio, Secretary of the United States Treasury, and came very near the nomination for President of the United States when General Garfield received the nomination. I recollect that it was said at the time that the great power and eloquence displayed by Garfield in presenting the name of John Sherman to the convention, was so potent in his own favor that it turned the attention from Sherman to himself and resulted in his own nomination. Another brother was the illustrious General William T. Sherman, whose triumphant career shed not only a lustre upon the profession of arms, but on his own name and that of his country. Another brother was Lampson P. Sherman, one of the early settlers of Des Moines.

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by President Pierce, and held that office until he resigned, and recommended his successor who was appointed in 1853. He was one of the organizers of the State Bank of Iowa, and was its Cashier until 1861, when he was appointed a Paymaster in the United States Army with the rank of Major. After his return from the army he engaged for a short time in mercantile pursuits. He was one of the Incorporators of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, and in 1868 became its general manager. In 1854 he established the banking firm of Hoyt Sherman & Co. He was the author of several instructive papers on banking, among which are, "Early Banking in Iowa," appearing in Volume Five of the Third Series of the Annals of Iowa, and another entitled, "The State Bank of Iowa," appearing in the same volume. He took an active part in preserving and perpetuating Iowa history and may be regarded as one of its notable and most valuable sons. Like his brothers, John and General Sherman, he was tall in person, quick in perception and movement.

*Lampson P. Sherman*, though less conspicuous than any of the brothers mentioned, was nevertheless a man of sterling qualities and real ability. In his father's family there were eleven sons and daughters, of which he was the seventh. In a History of Polk County, published in 1880, he is classed among the early lawyers of Des Moines, but I fail to find any evidence in support of his being in the profession. When I first became acquainted with him, he was occupying a position in the State Bank of Iowa at Des Moines, or that of Hoyt Sherman & Co., and which he continued to occupy until 1886, when he was appointed United States Revenue Collector for his district, and held that office until 1883. He was the third Mayor of Des Moines, in 1854; in 1855, its Recorder, and in 1858, its Treasurer. He was for many years prominent in its public affairs and always administered the trusts committed to him with perfect fidelity. He was born in Lancaster County, Ohio, in 1821; came to Des Moines when it was then known as the frontier settlement of Fort Des Moines, in 1849, where he continuously resided for nearly fifty-two years, and until his death in 1900, at the age of seventy-nine. He had learned the trade of printing, and upon coming to Des Moines, he was induced to take up journalism, and commenced the publication of *The Fort Des Moines Weekly Gazette*. Dr. Johnson in his essay on Milton, says, if I recollect rightly, that "if he had been the first, he had been the greatest of epic poets." Homer had the precedence. So if Barlow Granger's *Star* had not been established a few months before, the *Gazette* would have been the first paper published in Des Moines. The *Gazette*, however, was doomed to an ephemeral existence; the name was changed to the *State Journal*, but after a few months of adversity its material was sold to the office of *The Star*.

*Barlow Granger* was an interesting figure in Iowa history. He had witnessed most of its important periods. He lived until after he had entered upon his ninetyeth year, and at the time of his death knew perhaps, more of Iowa men and events

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# HISTORY OF IOWA

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Governor. This was the first defeat of the Democratic party since Iowa had an existence. In 1858 Colonel Shelby was again elected to the General Assembly and was chosen Speaker of the House. He died a few years later.

BUREN B. SHERMAN, eleventh Governor of Iowa, was born in the town of Phelps, Ontario County, New York, on the 28th of May, 1836. He received his education at the public schools of Ontario and an academy of Elmira. When a youth he worked for a time with a watchmaker but in 1855 he came with his father's family to Iowa. Assisting his father on the farm the son gave a portion of his time to the study of law. In 1859 he was admitted to the bar. At Vinton he secured a position as junior member of the law firm of Smyth, Traut & Sherman. Soon after the beginning of the Civil War Mr. Sherman enlisted in Company G, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, was soon promoted to second lieutenant of Company E, and was severely wounded at the battle of Shiloh. He was promoted to captain and served several months, when he resigned on account of disability occasioned by his wound. After returning to Vinton he was elected county judge and in 1866 was elected clerk of the District Court, serving by reelections until 1874 when he was nominated by the Republican State Convention for Auditor of State and elected. He served in that position three terms with marked ability. In 1881 he was nominated by the Republican party for Governor and elected by a large majority. He was reelected in 1889. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity.

HOYT SHERMAN, son of Charles B. Sherman, Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio, was born in Lancaster County, November 1, 1827, and is the younger brother of John Sherman, the distinguished Ohio statesman, and of General William T. Sherman of Civil War fame. Until eighteen years of age Hoyt's time was divided between school and the printing office. In the spring of 1848 he came to Fort Des Moines, Iowa, then far out on the western frontier. In 1849 he was admitted to the bar and began to practice law, and also engaged in real estate business. In March of that year he was appointed by President Taylor postmaster of Des Moines, holding that position until the inauguration of President Pierce, when he resigned and was elected clerk of the District Court. In 1854 he was the senior member of the banking house of Hoyt Sherman & Co., and upon the establishment of the State Bank of Iowa he became cashier of the Des Moines branch and was one of the directors on part of the State to supervise the system and guard the public interests. When the Civil War began Mr. Sherman was appointed by President Lincoln paymaster in the Union army with the rank of major, holding the position for three years. He was one of the organizers of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa and for many years its general manager. That institution



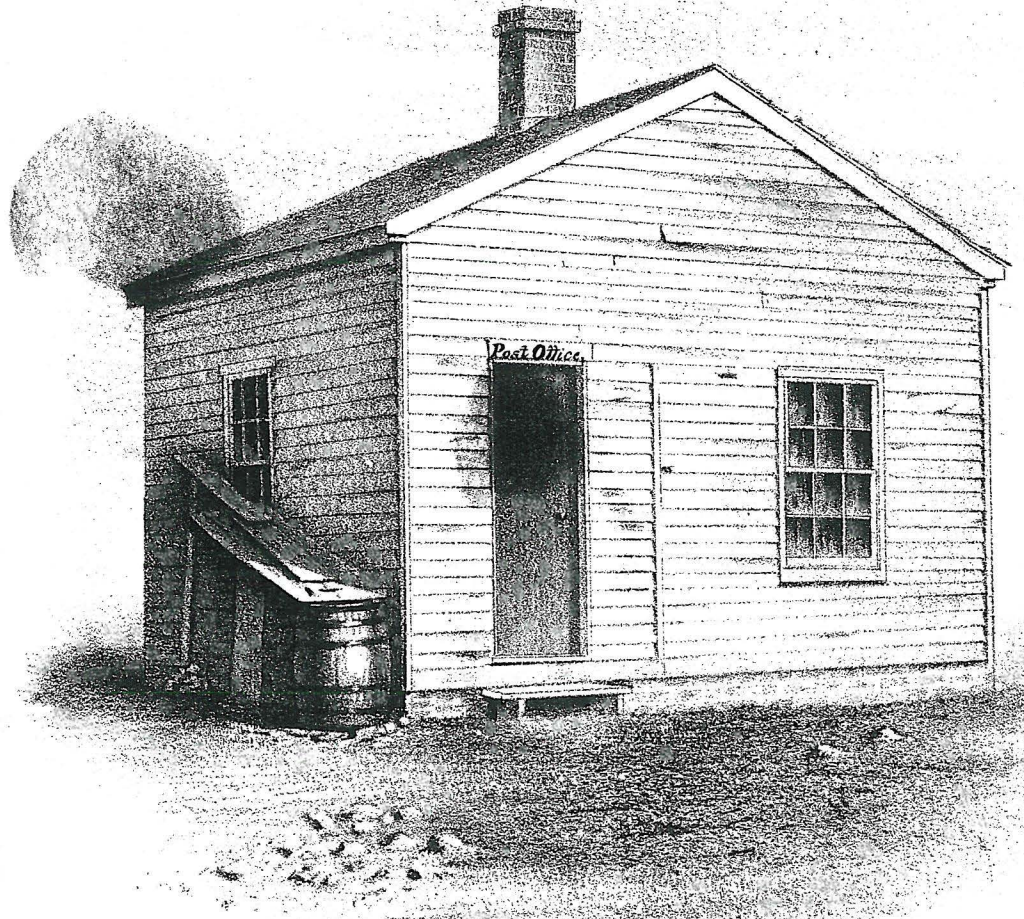
owes much of its stability and high standing to the fine executive ability and unquestioned integrity of Major Sherman. In 1866, Major Sherman was a member of the House of the Eleventh General Assembly where he was chairman of the committee on railroads and a member of the committee of ways and means. In 1886 he was one of the founders of the Pioneer Lawmakers' Association and has always been one of its most influential members, serving as president and long a member of the executive committee. He has contributed valuable historical articles to the *Annals of Iowa* on "Early Banking in Iowa," and on the "State Bank of Iowa." For many years he was the executive officer of the Associated Charities of Des Moines.

JOHN C. SHERWIN was born at Berlin, Erie County, Ohio, February 6, 1851. His early education was acquired in the public schools and later he attended Ripon and Beloit colleges in Wisconsin. After leaving college he entered the Madison Law School from which he graduated in 1875. He removed to Mason City, Iowa, in 1876, where he entered upon the practice of his profession. He was mayor of that city in 1884-5, and the latter year was elected District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District. In September, 1888, he was appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy as judge of the District Court and was continuously reelected, serving until 1900 when he became a judge of the Supreme Court, having been elected on the Republican ticket.

JAMES H. SHIELDS was born near Bowling Green, Missouri, May 8, 1842, and soon after his parents removed to Dubuque, Iowa, where his early education was acquired. He was sent to Union College, New York, where he graduated in the class of 1862. Returning to Dubuque he studied law, was admitted to the bar and followed that profession for thirty-nine years. He was elected on the Democratic ticket District Attorney for the Ninth Judicial District in 1883, serving four years. In 1889 he was elected to the State Senate, serving in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth General Assemblies. He was a delegate at large and chairman of the Iowa delegation to the Democratic National Convention at Chicago in 1892. He has been for some time president of the Dubuque Business Men's League, an organization composed of jobbers, manufacturers, real estate owners and capitalists of Dubuque.

JOHN G. SHIELDS was born on the 22d of May, 1811, in Grayson County, Kentucky. He was one of the earliest settlers in the "Black Hawk Purchase," long before it was organized into Iowa Territory. In 1835 he went to the Dubuque lead mines and established a store which for more than twenty years furnished goods for the early settlers in the lumber regions of Wisconsin and Minnesota. He was several terms alderman of





FIRST POST-OFFICE BUILDING IN DES MOINES.  
BUILT IN 1850, BY, HOYT SHERMAN POST MASTER



Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Sherman, Hoyt  
Residence Des Moines  
Occupation Insurance  
Date birth Nov 1, 1827 Place Lancaster Co., Ohio  
Date death Ja. 25, 1904 Place Des Moines, Ia.  
Cause Pneumonia Place burial  
War record Major Paymaster Dept. U.S.

War  
Battles, etc.  
Nearest relatives  
Father Charles R. Judge Supreme court, 1825-29; Ohio  
Nativity died 1829  
Mother  
Nativity  
Wife Sarah Moulton b. Ohio  
m. 1855, Mar 2, 1885  
Children  
Arthur Des Moines, Ia  
Charles Chicago  
Frank A Deceased  
Adeline M. Wiborg Cincinnati, O  
Helen O Griffith Washington, D. C.  
Sources Ex-Soldiers Living in Iowa 1886;  
Page 658/Gue, Hist. of Iowa v. 4, p. 243-44.  
Des Moines News Ja 25, 1904, p. 1, col. 2  
born 1829; History Polk County, p. 865

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Disch Oct 9, 1864  
Discharged  
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Place

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Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Sherman, Hoyt  
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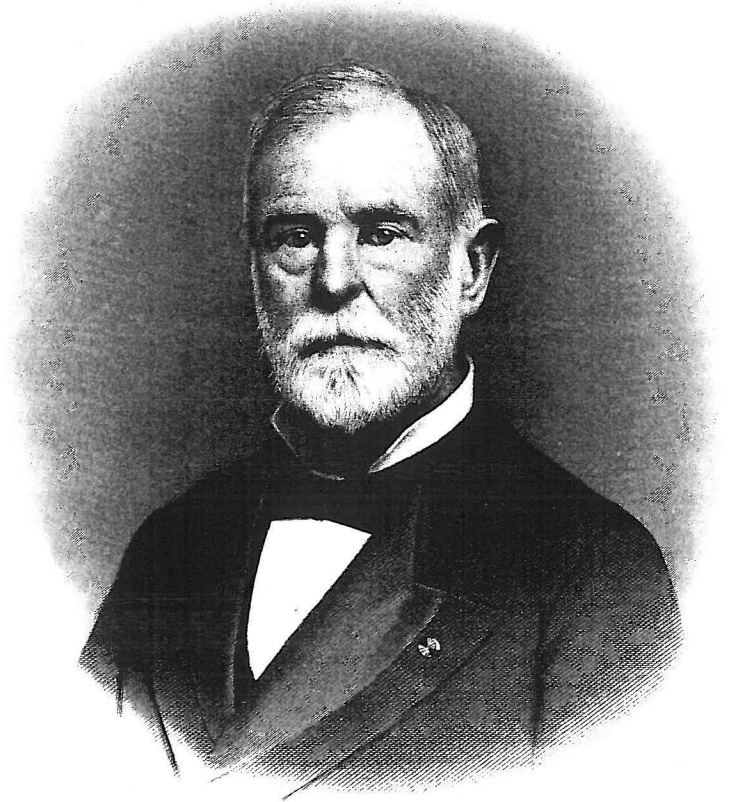
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*Hoyt Sherman*



# BURIED IN WOODLAND

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Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa

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## MAJOR HOYT SHERMAN

Hoyt Sherman was born November 1, 1827, in Lancaster Co. Ohio, son of Charles R. Sherman, Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio, the youngest boy of six boys and five girls. His father died when Hoyt was only three years old and he divided his time between schooling and the print shop. Sherman came to Des Moines in May of 1848 at the age of 21, to see the unsettled part of the country. "Des Moines was a pioneer community where, only a few years before, Indians had roamed and the prairie grass was waist-high." One brother, General William Tecumseh Sherman, was the Union Civil War General who led *Sherman's March* and also was in the first *Battle of Bull Run*. Another brother, the eldest, Charles, stayed in Ohio as a member of the Ohio Supreme Court. John, a brilliant financier, proposed legislation that returned the country to the gold standard after the Civil War and authored the Sherman Anti-Trust Law. He went on to serve as secretary of the Treasury under President Hayes and Secretary of state under President McKinley. James, who lived in Des Moines, established the town of Sevastopol (now a part of Des Moines) and Lampson, who was a prominent civic leader and newspaper publisher.

Hoyt associated himself with Thomas McCullen and started selling school lands granted by the state by an Act of Congress. He became Deputy Postmaster and built the second building used as a post office on the corner of Third Street and Court Avenue, and the third post office on Third Street in the rear of the Sherman Block.

In 1849, Sherman was admitted to the Bar, going into a partnership with Phineas Casady and Robert Tidrick, becoming a very prominent lawyer. The litigation at that time consisted of hog cases, rival timber claims and minor differences among neighbors.

By 1850, he was buying real estate, and became one of the biggest land owners and bankers in the state, owning 22,441 acres at one time. The practice of "entering land on time" was widespread and profits accumulated rapidly as the land market blossomed. Most were sold on credit to speculators and to settlers who were eager for land but lacked the alternative exchange medium accepted at land offices-hard cash. In such cases, the Realtor would protect the loan by entering the land in his own name, giving the other person a title bond expressing an obligation to deed the land at the end of a specified time on the payment of the loan.

During the famous flood of 1851, Hoyt and three other friends boated to a hotel, tied their boat to the bannisters of the hotel stairway, climbed to the 2nd floor and ate their dinner. They were on their way to St. Louis to charter a steamboat to obtain provisions as they were getting very scarce. Sherman and three others attempted to get a flat-bottomed-skiff to Keokuk to get supplies. The water was high, overflowing the banks making it impossible to know where to guide the boat, but on the fourth day, they arrived at Keokuk, went to St. Louis and chartered a steamer, loading it with flour and other provisions. At Bonaparte, Meek's Dam proved to be impassable, and the cargo was stored and the steamer returned to St. Louis. Major Sherman then, engaged a two-horse wagon and driver to take them to Oskaloosa. It took them three days to travel through rough roads, swampy shoughs and swollen streams to get to Oskaloosa and two more on



## HOYT SHERMAN

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a roomy two-horse hack, used for mail to get to Des Moines, without any supplies. "In traveling east from Iowa it was necessary to carry three different kinds of money."

In 1852, Sherman was elected Clerk of District Court and by 1854, he had opened the Bank of *Hoyt Sherman & Co.*, for the business of banking and exchange. It was largely instrumental in driving out worthless notes that had been circulating. The chief function of an early Iowa banker was "entering land on time." "Land," was the basis for all live business, and the land agent and real estate dealer evolved naturally into a banker." Hoyt maintained that a forty percent interest rate was not excessive as "the customer could stand it."

There is some evidence, that Hoyt married first, to a bride who died very young. Major Sherman, age 27, returned to Ohio and on Christmas Day 1855 and married Sara Moulton, born 14 June 1837 in Granger, Ohio at Mansfield, Ohio. "By then a mover and shaker in the growing community of Des Moines (population 2,000), sherman felt a responsibility to brave the winter eather and return to his affairs. The intrepid newlyweds traveled from Ohio to Iowa City by train, and made the rest of the rigorous 130-mile journey grom Iowa City to Des Moines by stagecoach." They had seven children, Frank Allen, Adeline, Charles M, Arthur, and Helen and two daughters that died in infancy. "Eldest son, Frank became a lawyer and lived in Des Moines, where he died in 1902; two years before his father's death. Charles, also a lawyer, moved to Washington, D.C. while Arthur, settled in California. Two daughters married and settled in the East. Helen became the author of several children's books. Adeline married Frank Wiborg, the wealthy owner of a Cincinnati ink manufacturing firm.

In 1856, he subscribed three thousand dollars to put the Capital on the West Side and two years later, the State Bank of Iowa was organized and Sherman was elected Cashier of the Des Moines Bank and he merged his bank into it.

In 1861, he was appointed by President Lincoln, paymaster in the Army, with the rank of Major and served in the Civil War. He held that position for three years and was known for his honesty, disbursing millions of dollars without loosing a penny. Major Sherman was a member of the house of the Eleventh General Assembly, where he was a chairman of the committee on ways and means.

By 1867, he helped to organize the Equitable Life Insurance Company, along with his friends, Isaac Cooper, B.F. Allen, F.M. Hubbell, and Jefferson Scott Polk. He was elected Actuary, then Secretary and later President. Sherman issued policies, collected premiums, kept books, handled correspondence and in short, ran the business. Its first home was in what was then the largest office building in the city, the Hoyt Sherman Block at Third Street and Court Ave. A bust of Sherman occupies a place of prominence in the lobby of the Equitable Building.

HOYT SHERMAN

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Sherman died January 25, 1904, after a three-week bout with pneumonia. His home was bought in 1907, when the Des Moines Board of Park Commissioners bought the mansion and five acres. Which, in turn, leased it to the Des Moines Woman's Club for ninety-nine years, at one-dollar a year, with the stipulation that they add a public art gallery. They added a large one-story wing to the west to serve as art gallery, a dining hall and later constructing a 1,500 seat theatre adjoining the house to the east, a center for the city's cultural events. The "Hoyt Sherman Home" has been maintained by the Des Moines Women's Club since 1907, housing the city's first art gallery with an outstanding collection. Many cultural events are held there and is open to the public for a small fee.

Blk 9, 0008 Sherman Vault, originally had a wooden door, but it was replaced with cement blocks after the mausoleum was broken into and Sarah's skull was stolen. "Someone pulled the coffin from its resting place in a Woodland Cemetery mausoleum in Des Moines recently, broke the glass lid and disturbed the contents." "Detective Greg Hansen said the intruders broke a stone plate covering the end of the chamber. The heavy metal coffin with the glass top was pulled out and dropped on the floor." "Two small stones mark the location of two infant daughters of Sarah and Hoyt Sherman, police said. It was found in an east side home and returned to the mausoleum and the opening was cemented shut.

Major Hoyt Sherman, died 25 Jan, buried 28 Jan 1904, 74yrs.

Sarah Moulton Sherman, wife, born 24 June 1837- died 2 March 1887-47 years

Frank Allen Sherman, son, born 26 Nov 1858-died 1 Mar 1902-buried 2 March 1902

Hattie Sherman, buried 19 May 1868

Alice Sherman, daughter of Hoyt & Sarah-9 months-died 4 Jan 1867

Miles Sherman, 16 May 1901

Alice Sherman, buried 6 Jan 1900, 32 years

Charles M. Sherman, buried 4 Sept. 1911, 45 years

Ada Bacon Sherman, wife of Frank Sherman, born 16 Aug 1868-died 13 Feb 1900,  
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Charles Sherman, born 5 Feb 1861-died 31 Aug 1911, buried 4 Sep 1911



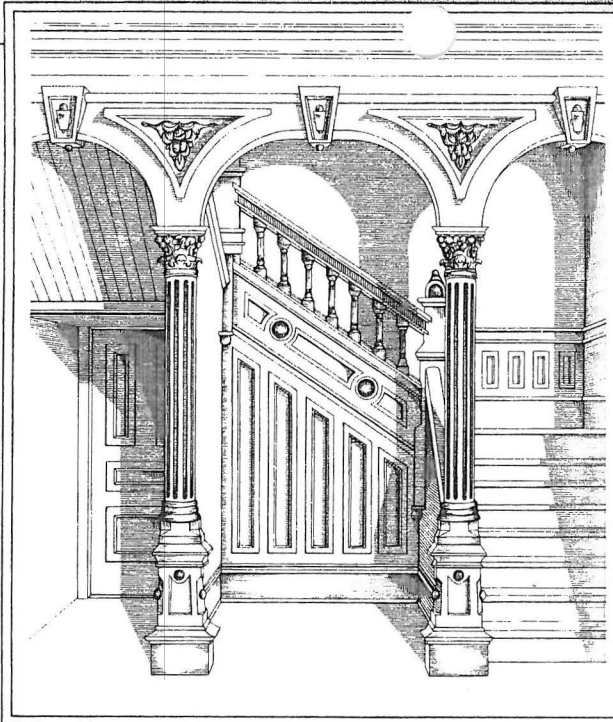
*Hoyt Sherman*

## HOYT SHERMAN - PIONEER BUSINESS MAN

*Hoyt Sherman came to Des Moines in 1848, five years before the city was incorporated. He established the first city bank, city railroad, public school, college, waterworks and post office. He was one of the founders of Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa, the first insurance firm in the state. Construction of his Italianate-style home was completed in 1877. It served not only as his family residence until his death in 1904, but as a social gathering place for local and national notables including Hoyt's brother, General William Tecumseh Sherman. The city purchased the home from the Sherman heirs in 1907, when it became the home of the Des Moines Women's Club.*

## HOYT SHERMAN PLACE - CULTURAL LANDMARK

*The original home is graced by handcarved wainscoting and marble fireplaces, impressive woodwork, parquet floors and rococo plastering. The handsome entryway reveals the architectural beauty of the Victorian age with its high arched doors constructed of five varieties of hardwood. The original etched glass windows accentuate the entry doors. The "umbrella room" for top*



*hats and capes, was a necessary part of a home in the Victorian era. The dining room is complete with its outstanding buffet which boasts spelter relief medallions mounted in the doors.*

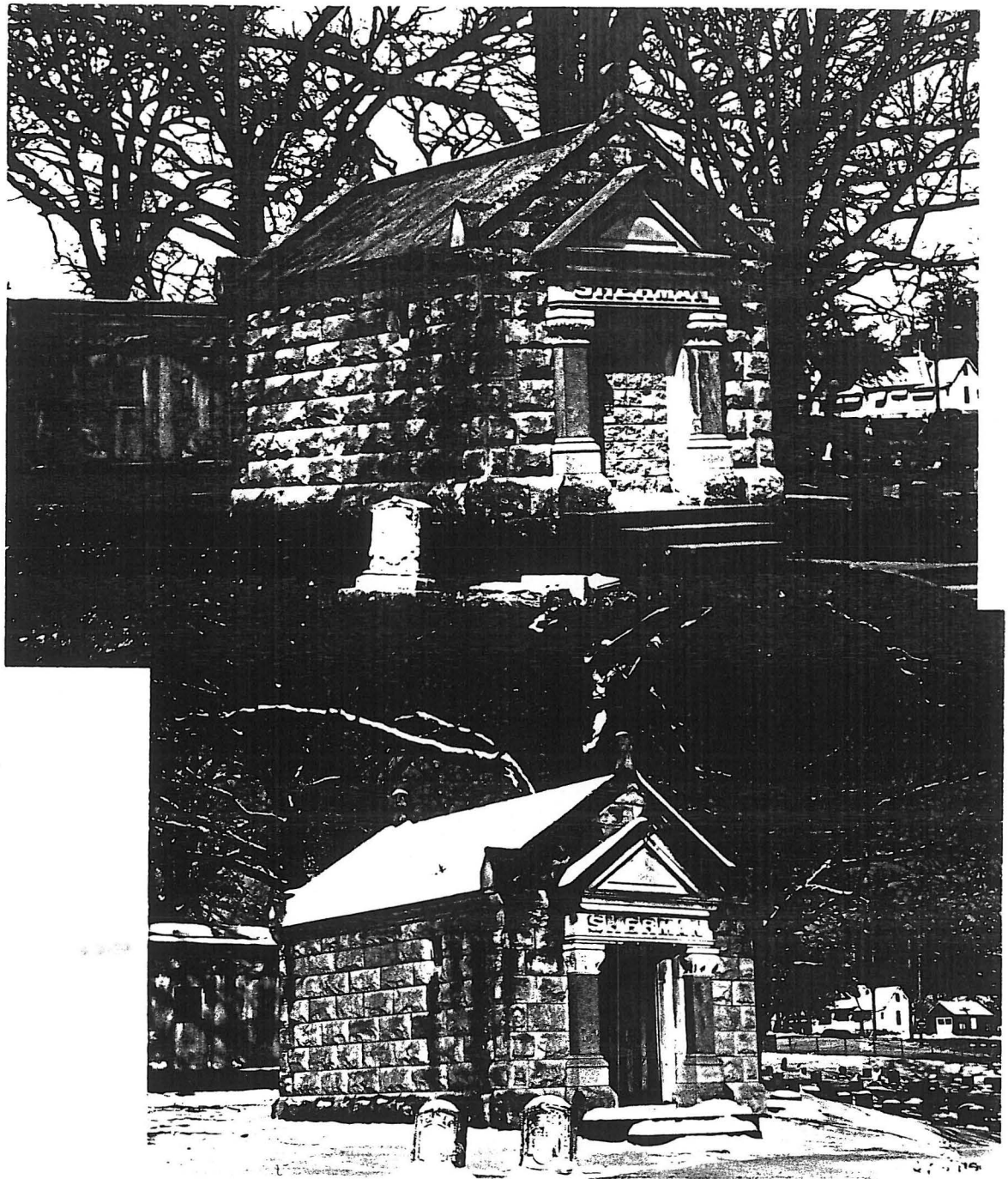
*A magnificent walnut staircase leads to the second floor. A period bed/sitting room has been recreated in what was originally part of the servants' quarters. Two large reception/meeting rooms exhibit an interesting collection of American and foreign decorative and fine arts. A 1796 handcrafted sampler, tatted Inca collar, rare black basalt Wedgwood vases and Chippendale game table are highlights.*



ART GALLERY  
1907

ORIGINAL HOME  
1877

THEATRE  
1923



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died 13 Feb 1900





THE HOYT SHERMAN PLACE  
with additions  
now the Des Moines Women's Club  
built in 1877, it houses an art gallery and a theatre, and is on  
the National Register of Historic Places

1899-"the achievement of the decade was the acquisition of "The Hoyt Sherman place" as a permanent clubhouse. Mrs. Mitchell during her presidency interested the board of park commissioners in the enterprise by which the city acquired the property by purchase and leased it to the Woman's club for ninety-nine years, the club to maintain the home as a clubhouse and art gallery for its own uses and three days in the week for the enjoyment of the public; the club at once to erect a wing as a temporary art gallery, to be open to the public at least three days every week. Ever since 1908, the club as had the use and enjoyment of this historic home. Its annex is both art room and auditorium, having a seating capacity of 300, which on several occasions has proved inadequate. It is the purpose of the club, with the city council's consent, to enlarge the art gallery and auditorium rather than build another art gallery, and steps have been taken to that desirable end."

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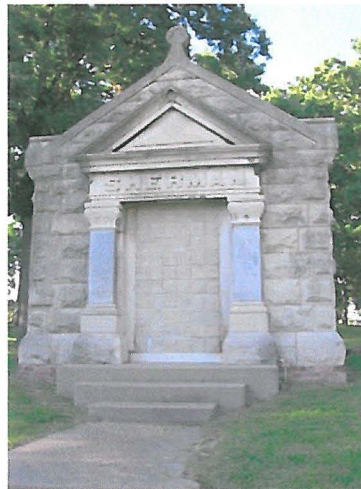
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Iowa, USA

First Postmaster of Des Moines as well as Mayor of Des Moines. He was the brother of Civil War General William Tecumseh Sherman. His Victorian home in the Sherman Hills section of Des Moines was used as Des Moines' first art gallery. It is now the home of the Des Moines Women's Club. (bio by: [Gary Thelen](#))

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Name:	<b>Hoyt Sherman</b>	
Age:	<b>23</b>	
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1827</b>	
Birth Place:	<b>Ohio</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Home in 1850 (City,County,State):	<b>Des Moines, Polk, Iowa</b>	
Family Number:	<b>261</b>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<b>James Sherman</b>	<b>34</b>
	<b>Sophia Sherman</b>	<b>31</b>
	<b>Charles R Sherman</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>Frances C Sherman</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>Lampson B Sherman</b>	<b>29</b>
	<b>Hoyt Sherman</b>	<b>23</b>

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Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Census Date:	<b>1856</b>	
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Residence County:	<b>Polk</b>	
Locality:	<b>Des Moines</b>	
Roll:	<b>IA_64</b>	
Line:	<b>27</b>	
Family Number:	<b>175</b>	
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Household Members:	Name	Age
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	Sophia Sherman	31
	Charles R Sherman	14
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### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>Hoyt Sherman</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1828</b>	
Birth Place:	<b>Ohio</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Census Date:	<b>1885</b>	
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Residence County:	<b>Polk</b>	
Locality:	<b>Des Moines</b>	
Roll:	<b>IA1885_249</b>	
Line:	<b>14</b>	
Family Number:	<b>455</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Hoyt Sherman	57
	Sarah Sherman	48
	Frank A Sherman	28
	Charles M Sherman	23
	Arthur K Sherman	15
	Nellie Sherman	11
	Hannah Lehan	20
	Ellen Randall	23
	Carrie Stephenson	21
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## 1900 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>Hoyt Sherman</b> <b>[Hoyle Sherman]</b> <i>[User-Submitted-Comment]</i>	
Home in 1900:	Des Moines, Polk, Iowa	
Age:	72	
Birth Date:	Nov 1827	
Birthplace:	Ohio	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Relationship to Head of House:	Head	
Father's Birthplace:	Connecticut	
Mother's Birthplace:	Connecticut	
Marital Status:	Widowed	
Occupation:	<a href="#">View on Image</a>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Hoyt Sherman	72
	Frank A Sherman	42
	Arthur H Sherman	30
	Sarah M Sherman	12

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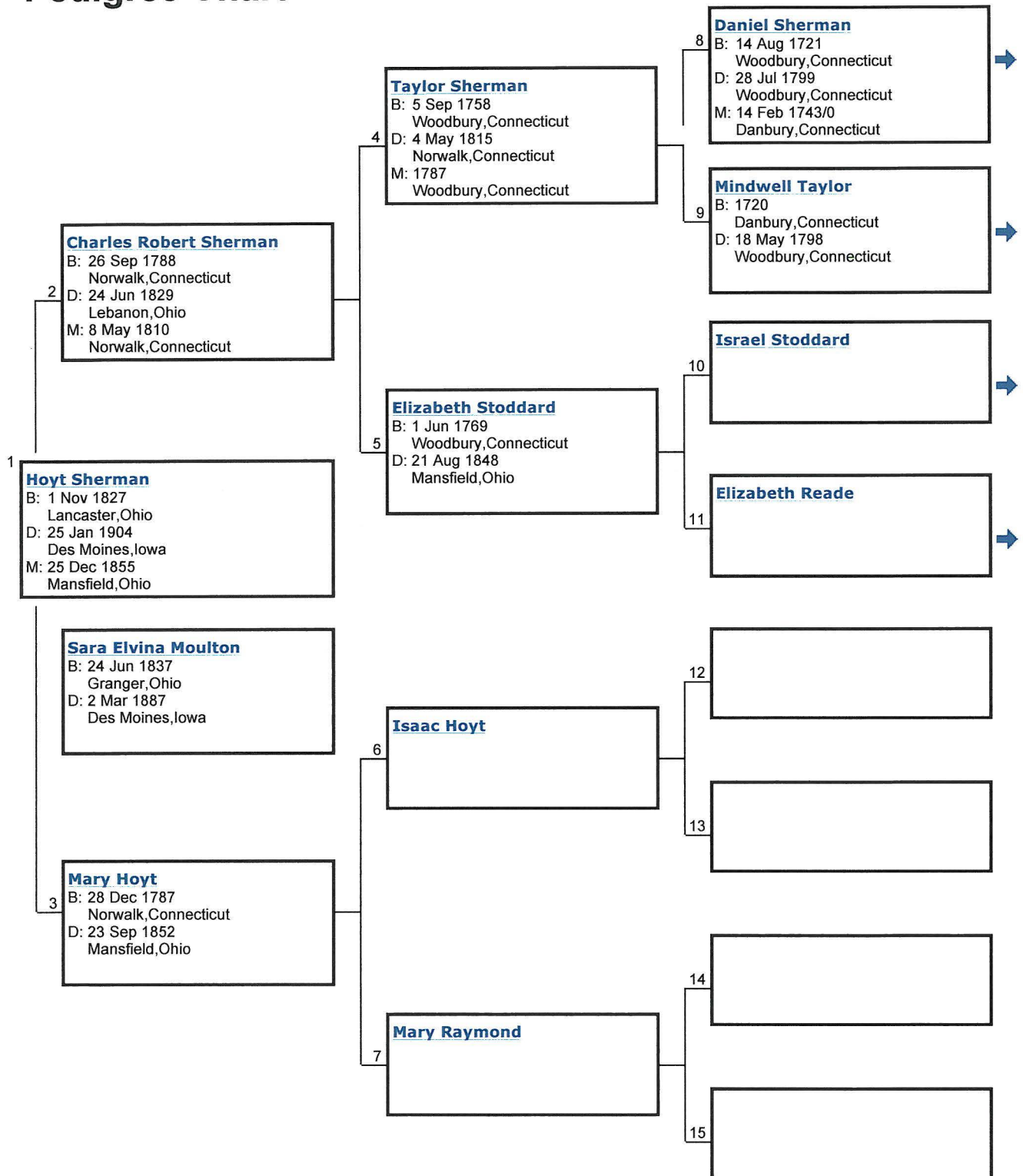
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# Individual Record

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**Hoyt Sherman** Compact Disc #10 Pin #212709  
Sex: M

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## Event(s)

**Birth:** 1 Nov 1827  
Lancaster, Ohio  
**Death:** 25 Jan 1904  
Des Moines, Iowa

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## Parents

**Father:** [Charles Robert Sherman](#) Disc #10 Pin #212237  
**Mother:** [Mary Hoyt](#) Disc #10 Pin #212238

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## Marriage(s)

**Spouse:** [Sara Elvina Moulton](#) Disc #10 Pin #212721  
**Marriage:** 25 Dec 1855  
Mansfield, Ohio

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## Notes and Sources

**Notes:** None  
**Sources:** None

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Sherman Bellar Burton Family Tree

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Hoyt SHERMAN

Birth **01 NOV 1827** in Lancaster, Fairfield, Ohio, USA  
Death **28 JAN 1904** in Des Moines, Polk, Iowa, USA

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Timeline ( View details )

- 1827** Birth  
1 Nov Lancaster, Fairfield, Ohio, USA
- 1855** Marriage to Sarah Elvira MOULTON  
25 Dec Mansfield, Richland, Ohio, USA  
Age: 28 1 source citation
- 1899** civil  
17 Mar Des Moines, Polk, Iowa, USA  
Age: 71 1 source citation
- 1904** Death  
28 Jan Des Moines, Polk, Iowa, USA  
Age: 76
- Title**  
Major

Comments

No comments have been added yet.

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Family Members

Parents

- Charles Robert SHERMAN**  
1788 – 1829
- Mary HOYT**  
1787 – 1852

Show siblings

Spouse & Children

- Sarah Elvira MOULTON**  
1837 – 1887
- Frank Allen SHERMAN**  
1856 – 1902
- Adaline "Addie" M SHERMAN**  
1859 – 1917
- Charles Moulton SHERMAN**  
1861 – 1911
- Arthur Hoyt SHERMAN**  
1869 – 1945
- Helen "Nellie" Hoyt SHERMAN**  
1873 – 1912

Family group sheet

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- **ID:** I01047
- **Name:** Hoyt Sherman <sup>1 2</sup>
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 1 NOV 1827 in Lancaster, Fairfield Co., OH
- **Death:** 25 JAN 1904 in Des Moines, Polk Co., IA
- **Note:**

1880 census  
Household:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace
Hoyt SHERMAN	Self	M	Male	W	52	OH Pres. Life Ins Co
Sarah M. SHERMAN	Wife	M	Female	W	42	OH Keeping House VT VT
Frank A. SHERMAN	Son	S	Male	W	23	IA Clk. Life Ins Office OH OH
Charles SHERMAN	Son	S	Male	W	19	IA At School OH OH
Addie SHERMAN	Dau	S	Female	W	21	IA At Home OH OH
Arthur H. SHERMAN	Son	S	Male	W	10	IA At School OH OH
Nellie L. SHERMAN	Dau	S	Female	W	7	IA At School OH OH
Christen BOWMAN	Other	S	Female	W	16	SWEDEN Servant SWEDEN SWEDEN
Sophia LOHGREN	Other	S	Female	W	20	SWEDE Servant SWEDE SWEDE



## Source Information:

Census Place 3rd Ward, Des Moines, Polk, Iowa

HOYT SHERMAN, son of Charles R. Sherman, Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio, was born in Lancaster County, November 1, 1827, and is the younger brother of John Sherman, the distinguished Ohio statesman, and of General William T. Sherman of Civil War fame. Until eighteen years of age, Hoyt's time was divided between school and the printing office. In the spring of 1848 he came to Fort Des Moines, Polk Co., IA, then far out on the western frontier. In 1849 he was admitted to the bar and began to practice law, and also engaged in real estate business. In March of that year he was appointed by President Taylor postmaster of Des Moines, holding that position until the inauguration of President Pierce, when he resigned and was elected clerk of the District Court. In 1854 he was the senior member of the baking house of Hoyt Sherman & Co., and upon the establishment of the State Bank of Iowa he became cashier of the Des Moines branch and was one of the directors on part of the State to supervise the system and guard the public interests. When the Civil War began Mr. Sherman was appointed by President Lincoln paymaster in the Union army with the rank of major, holding the position for three years. He was one of the organizers of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa and for many years its general manager. That institution owes much of its stability and high standing to the fine executive ability and unquestioned integrity of Major Sherman. In 1866, Major Sherman was a member of the House of the Eleventh General Assembly where he was chairman of the committee on railroads and a member of the committee of ways and means. In 1886 he was one of the founders of the Pioneer Lawmakers' Association and has always been one of its most influential members, serving as president and long a member of the executive committee. He has contributed valuable historical articles to the Annals of Iowa on "Early Banking in Iowa," and on the "State Bank of Iowa." For many years he was the executive officer of the Associated Charities of Des Moines.



Posted by  
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Hoyt initially studied the printing trade in the office of his brothers, Charles and John, in Mansfield, Richland Co., OH, while in school. In 1848, after turning 21, he was able to indulge a long-held dream to visit less-traveled parts of the country. Finding his way to Des Moines, Polk Co., IA, he quickly decided to make it his home. He soon entered public service as a school fund commissioner. His demonstrated business skills in this role earned him appointment to the position of deputy postmaster, which he held until 1849, when he was named postmaster of Des Moines, serving until 1853. As postmaster, he built the city's first dedicated post office building, moving the postal operation out of a barracks building.

In 1849, Hoyt was admitted to the bar, becoming one of the city's most prominent attorneys and a clerk of the district court.

He established the bank of Hoyt Sherman and Company, building a reputation for character and integrity which earned it considerable success, particularly in the trust of the company's banknotes, an important factor in the era before the issue of any official federal currency other than coin. In 1858, a new state constitution allowed the establishment of the State Bank of Iowa with authority to issue note. Hoyt was appointed cashier of the Des Moines branch and one of the State Bank's directors, merging Hoyt Sherman and Company into the new bank.

With the outbreak of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln commissioned Hoyt a major and named him a paymaster in the Army. He held the post for three years, without discrepancy of even a penny.

After the war, he served in the Iowa legislature in 1866. In 1867, he was an organizer of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa, serving first as actuary, then secretary, and in January of 1874 beginning a fourteen-year tenure as president.

Actively committed to the development and betterment of his home town, Hoyt was a founder of the Des Moines Water Company in 1871, and 1876, was a founder and president of the Iowa Industrial Exposition Company which sought to establish a museum for arts and industries of the state. Several years after his death, Hoyt's own spacious home, left vacant, began its evolution into the current Hoyt Sherman Place, a major performing arts center and museum.

--source: "History of Des Moines and Polk County", Johnson Brigham.

■ Ancestry Hints for **Hoyt Sherman**